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tov is les Khr Pol as wit	at they read in the press, and the ward a belief that N.S. Whrushcher fast becoming, if he is not alrest dership. Their belief would be brushchev has been receiving lately land, Czechoslovakia, China, Tadshwell as speeches which he has been the Party as well as economic affair.	has signed decrees of the Central Committee. Both Party affairs, and	reclined Party, Ye Cy which East, concerned mittee on n decrees,

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3.	On the other hand the struggle for leadership, however well hidden, is inevitable in the USSR. For this reason there is a contest now going on in the Presidium over who	25X1 25X1 25X1
	among the lower Party workers, most of whom prefer to remain uncommitted to any faction, but probably exists between the "Old Guard" of the Presidium and the newer and younger members. In the "Old Guard" Molotov, Khrushchev, Voroshilov, Kaganovich, Mikoyan, and Shvernik, and among	25X1 25X1
	the younger members, Malenkov, Saburov, and Pervukhin. In this regard when Kaganovich, in his speech before the railway workers in May of this year, put Khrushchev before Malenkov in a sentence citing their Supreme Soviet speeches, he was expressing the order in which he, Kaganovich, would	25X1 25X1
	like to see them. the "Old Guard" regard Malenkov as an interloper.	25 X 1
4.	the length of time it took for Kaganovich's speech to be published and the length of time it took for Khrushchev's speech to the Builders'	25 X 1
	Conference in December 1954 to be published, the delay	25 X 1
	written by ghostwriters and are often given by the speaker without his knowing clearly the exact words. The speaker would then probably review the words carefully before they were printed as the official text, and the pressure of other work might account for the delay in publication. In the case of Khrushchev's speech in Czechoslovakia, which changed from the original live	25X1
	broadcast when it was printed the next day, changes would have been made by Khrushchev himself. this often happened, there is a great deal of difference between a spoken speech and the same speech when it is printed in an official newspaper as a policy statment.	25 X 1 25 X 1
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